GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1084
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REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF DRUGS UNDER PRICE CONTROL
Adsul Shri Anandrao Vithoba

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare requested to Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers to reduce the number of drugs under price control to encourage/expansion of the pharmaceutical industry;

(b) if so, the reaction of Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers thereon;

(c) whether the price control of essential drugs will impact their quality and availability;

(d) if so, whether the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare wants to allow more players to produce essential drugs to offer competitive prices; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to maintain high degree quality and availability of essential drugs?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) : No, Sir.

(b) : Does not arise in view of reply to (a), as above.

(c) to (e) : The Drug Policies, as announced from time to time, are directed towards ensuring abundant availability of quality drugs at reasonable prices.